

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

18. (New) A method of treating a hypertensive subject having a normal to above normal PRA level comprising:

- A. administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take a low dose of an R drug;
- B. after step A, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the R drug;
- C. after step B, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take, instead of the R drug, a low dose of a V drug; and
- D. after step C, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the V drug.

19. (New) A method of treating a hypertensive subject having a normal to below normal PRA level comprising:

- A. administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take a low dose of an V drug;
- B. after step A, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the V drug;
- C. after step B, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take, instead of the V drug, a low dose of a R drug; and

- D. after step C, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the R drug.
- 20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the normal PRA level is about 0.65 ng/ml/hr.
- 21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the normal PRA level is about 0.65 ng/ml/hr.